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This is our first "hello". Through the medium of The Ashby Town Pump, we hope to bring you news of your home town and of your friends here and in the service.

To date, the Ashby Servicemen's Committee has confined its activities to sending Xmas packages, but it was felt that more pleasure would be derived from a monthly news letter wherein we can regularly bring you a reminder of home.

Our committee represents every organization in Ashby and thus we hope to cover every possible source of tidings in which you would be interested. Should there be other items which you feel would add to your enjoyment, please feel free to let us know. The Ashby Town Pump is for you.

It so happens that as we write our first edition, the Town of Ashby has sent its 99th son into the Services - - a large share for a small town. The count to date shows 68 in the Army, 27 in the Navy, and 4 in the Marine Corps. The girls are represented with one in the WAVES and 2 in the Army Nurse Corps.

Besides our concern for you and general war news, our New England weather is now the prime topic of

conversation. A mild winter, followed by an early spring and summer has given way to two sharp frosts which caused considerable damage to the apple, peach, strawberry and blueberry crops. Then to top the farmer's worries, we are now in the midst of a severe dry spell.

CITATION

It was with sincere and heartfelt pride that we learned Luther Hayes Jr. had been awarded a citation for bravery in action. Luther has been in the Pacific area for 24 months, been wounded and now has returned to action. We feel that the citation itself is well worth quoting as received.

" During the repeated enemy Japanese attacks on the defensive installations of Co. H. Second Battalion (Reinforced) First Marines Division in the vicinity of the village of Sumoru on the enemy held island of New Britain on the early morning of Dec. 30, 1943, P.F.C. Hayes , as a member of a machine gun platoon at the time the alarm was given, proceeded to front lines and engaged the enemy who had penetrated our lines.

" Although wounded and in great pain, he fought shoulder to shoulder with his comrades until the enemy had been driven from our position.

" It is felt that his leadership,

coolness, and professional knowledge, P.F.C. Hayes is well qualified for duty in the next higher grade."

HERE AND THERE

For the second time since they have been in the service, Raymond Wright and Richard Wilkinson have once again met in a distant land. This time the meeting took place in Cran. Recent letters from Raymond Wright, who for several months has been stationed in North Africa, reports that he is well.

Speaking of chance meetings, Blair Arsenault and Richard Piper have been seeing the sights of the surrounding towns of Westover Field ever since Blair arrived there for his overseas training after having been promoted to a Corporal and receiving his aerial gunnery wings at Tyndall Field, Florida. Both are fortunate enough to spend part of each week-end at home with their families, so you can readily visualize their two familiar Fords once again racing through town sending pedestrians and chickens scurrying for shelter. Blair is receiving his overseas training and Dick is a mechanic.

After a year and a half spent on Ascension Island, which is located midway between Africa and South America, Warren Cutting, home on a 22-day furlough, appreciated Ashby as never before. He finds that the difference in location is not the only difference between the two. At the completion of his furlough, he reported to Fort Monroe, in Virginia.

Allan Holmes, having received training as an engineer ever since he entered the service, was suddenly transferred, as is the Army's way, to the Quartermaster Corps and is now stationed in Camp Lee, Va. Allan seems destined to remain in Virginia, having been training in Fort Belvoir, Virginia ever since he entered the Army a year ago,

except for a couple of months spent in the Walter Reed Hospital recuperating from a broken wrist.

Hawaii claims a few of our boys also, among them being John Johnson and Arthur Foresman-- John complaining that he has seen none of those "hula-hula" beauties that are so widely talked of, and Fuzzy expressing a desire for some white facial for the "dark-complexioned" girls he has encountered.

Robert Leighton, S 1/c, one of the newer residents of Ashby, recently spent a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Leighton. Robert has just returned from a four-month trip to Murmansk, Russia, another added to his long list of distant lands seen since he has been in the service. His twin brother, Richard, a member of the Marine Corps, is located somewhere in the South Pacific.

FLASH!! Marston H. Page, EM 3/c, stationed at the Naval Air Station at Miami, Florida, recently spent a 15-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Laura Page. He and Leonard Hayes AMM 2/c, who was also home on leave at the same time, were able to get together for an evening of their pre-war usual good times. It was rumored that Marston was found to pay more attention to the High School teachers than he ever did in all his 12 years as a student of the school! Marston is stationed in Miami, Florida, and Lennie is stationed in Atlanta, Ga.

Albert Olson, who is stationed at Camp Ellis, Ill. (only Albert calls it "Swamp Ellis") is home on a 14-day furlough with his aunt and uncle, accompanied by his mother and sister, as the Olson's have made their permanent home in Providence, R.I.. Albert likes the Medical Corps, but complains of constantly standing knee-deep in mud despite dust being blown into his eyes.

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For the past time since they
have been in the service, Raymond
Bright and Richard Allison have
been working in a distant land.
This time the meeting took place
in front of the Federal Reserve
Bank Building, who for several months
has been stationed in North Africa.
Reports that he is well.

Speaking of chance meetings, Bright
Armstrong and Richard Bright have
been seen in the streets of the city
rounding about of the city of
ever since their arrival there for
his overseas training after having
been promoted to a Corporal and
receiving his special gunner's wings
at Tynhill Field, London. Both are
fortunate enough to spend part of
each weekend at home with their
families, so you can readily see
that they are familiar friends
and are working through their
several problems and stages
concerning the matter. Bright is
receiving his overseas training
and Dick is a mechanic.

After a very hot and a half hour at
Assaulted Island, which is located
between the island and South
Africa, Richard Armstrong, born on
a 32-day tour, appreciated
Ashby as never before. He finds
that the difference in location is
not as big a difference between
the two. As the completion of his
tour, he reported to Fort
Monroe, in Virginia.

Allen Holman, having received
training as an engineer ever since
he entered the service, was en-
gaged by the Government to
be stationed in England.
He is now stationed in England
and is now assigned to the
in Virginia, having been training
in Fort Belvoir, Virginia ever since
he entered the Army a year ago.

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recommending them a broken water.

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also, some of them being John Jones
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planning that they were going to
be so widely scattered, and that
they were going to be so widely
scattered for the time being.
After he has completed.

Robert Bellamy, a former of
the Negro residing in Ashby, Va.
and a former of the day training
with his parents, who has been re-
turned from a long-term stay in
Africa, West Africa, and has been
his long list of African lands
even since he has been in the
Army. His twin brother, who is
a member of the Marine Corps, is
located somewhere in the Pacific.

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former of the Navy, is now
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Because of the fact that no girl of war in Germany. could ever land Freddy Erickson when he was in Ashby, Ashby girls were better to him than any of the girls he has encountered in his travels since he entered the service. The girls should be flattered when they consider the fact that he has been to Hollywood.

We have regretfully learned that Robert Gaguon was wounded in action on the Anzio beach-head. He suffered a shrapnel wound in the left arm, extending from his elbow to his wrist. We hope by this time, he is much improved.

Addison Clark has certainly reached first base in this Army game and is Capt. Clark now. Remember Clark and his strike outs on the Ashby team? Never mind, Clarke, you received plenty of advice from the grand stand. And we will never forget that truly sensational play that you made at second base when you were sprawled on the base line. We enjoyed your fine spirit which you at all times displayed.

Lt. Dorothy Bernhardt of the Army Nurse Corps has purchased an English bicycle and is falling off it somewhere in England. Dorothy writes that she is learning to drink tea.

Fred Taylor, Jr. writes from the South Pacific that he is a member of a band entertaining the boys. This band was formed when Fred was in California. We're glad to hear you are keeping in practice, Fred, for our Ashby band concerts.

Shirley E. Wass, H.A. 2/c, has completed her basic training at Hunter College, N.Y. and has been sent to U.S. Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, for further training. While at Hunter she was a member of the "Singing Platoon" and took part in the Regimental Variety Show. Shirley says the Navy certainly knows how to keep the gals busy and out of mischief.

Everett Rackliffe, who recently entered the Army, is now stationed at Camp Grant, Illinois.

Raymond Wilkinson is now at home with his family on Nourse Road, after spending 25 months in the South Pacific Area.

John Salo, who was home only a short time ago on furlough is now in England.

Wiljo Pesola has been made an M.P. and is now stationed in England. Rudy Salo is in England, too, and reports that he has learned to drink tea.

As this issue goes to press, we've just learned that Freddy Erickson arrived home yesterday on a surprise furlough. He was fortunate enough to fly part of the way. Charlie Erickson certainly had a welcome treat for Fred upon his arrival-- several steaks! What is bothering the rest of us is where Charlie got the steaks, for they have been a scarce item around Ashby for sometime.

Mrs. George Holmes has received word that Robert has arrived safely in England. There are five in the Holmes family in the Service, four sons and one son-in-law, with three of them stationed in England. The late Mr. George W. Holmes was a Spanish War veteran.

Richard Robbins is reported in the hospital in New Caledonia. Let's hope this finds you well again and back with your unit.

Sgt. Everett J. Troworgy, Jr. has recently been transferred to Presque Isle, Maine.

The following boys have recently been home on furloughs: Roderick Brooks, Tom Hansen, Charles Mattson, and John Nattila.

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been to Hollywood.

Dr. Beverly Schwartz of the
Army Nurse Corps has purchased an
English bicycle and is riding out
in the mountains in England. Dr. Schwartz
wishes that she is learning to
ride a bike.

Adrian Clark has certainly
reached first base in this Army
game and is going. Clark now, however,
has Clark and his wife, Clark, and
the Army team. I never mind, Clark,
you received plenty of advice from
the grand stand. And we will never
forget this very important play
that you made at second base when
you were surprised on the base line.
We enjoyed your fine athletic work.
You are all times improved.

John Taylor, Jr. writes from the
South Pacific that he is a member
of a band entertaining the boys.
This band was formed when they were
in California. While glad to hear
you are having an excellent time,
for our Army band members.

Shirley L. Ford, R.A. 3rd, has
completed her basic training at
Hartford College, N.Y. and has been
sent to U.S. Naval Medical Center,
Bethesda, Maryland, for further
training. This at Hartford was
a member of the "Shirley L. Ford"
and took part in the hospital
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girls busy and out of mischief.

Everett Beckwith, who recently
entered the Army, is now stationed
at Camp Grant, Illinois.

John Taylor, who was only a
few days from his first tour in
England.

Raymond Williams is now at home
with his family on Kansas Road,
for spending 15 months in the South Pacific
Battle Area.

Willie, who had been with us
for some time, is now stationed in England.
John Taylor is in England, too,
and reports that he has learned to
drive a truck.

Mr. George Holmes has arrived at
his new post in England. There are five in
the Holmes family in the Service.
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father of them stationed in England.
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As this letter goes to press, we
just learned that Shirley L. Ford
arrived home yesterday on a train.
other words, I was fortunate
enough to be part of the party.
The kitchen certainly had a wife.
some great fun had with the girls.
Shirley L. Ford, who is so
shining the rest of us in there.
Charlie, for the week, for they
have been a nurse from England and
by for something.

Richard Robbins is reported to
be hospitalized in New California. He
has this time a well again and
back with you all.

My mother, J. Trower, Jr. has
recently been transferred to the
the late, Maine.

The following boys have recently
been home from England: William
Trower, Tom Trower, Charles Trower,
and John Robbins.

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missing in action, is a prisoner.

Our most recent entries into the service include John Damon and Paul Heikkila who left school to join the Navy last March first, and Jack Woodruff, who joined the Army Air Corps June first.

Of special interest to all readers of this first issue of the "Town Pump" is that Sgt. Robert "Bud" Piper and 2nd Lt. Marjorie Bennett of our town have been in foreign service the longest of any on our list of fighting men and women. "Bud" has been in the Pacific area since January, 1942, while Marjorie, an Army nurse, has been stationed at an evacuation hospital in the Pacific since April, 1942. Hats off to these two young people!

LAUGHS

A man walked into a restaurant and left the door open.

A big fat man called out: "Shut that door. Were you brought up in a barn?"

The man closed the door, went to a table, sat down, and began to cry. At which the fat man looked uncomfortable and went over to the sorrowful one.

Said he, "I'm sorry. I didn't intend to hurt your feelings. I just wanted you to close the door!"

"I'M not crying because you hurt my feelings" came the reply, "but I was brought up in a barn, and every time I hear an ass bray it makes me feel homesick."

Sign seen in a restaurant in Covena, California: Salt and pepper shakers are not medicine to be taken after meals."

Sgt. MacTavish: "I'll have a sardine sandwich, lassie."

Waitress: "Domestic or imported, Sarge? The domestic is 25 cents and the imported, 50 cents."

Sgt.: "The domestic. I am paying no sardine's passage across the

ocean."

TOWN NEWS

The largest class in the history of the Rebekahs was initiated at the last meeting in Grange Hall.

Mrs. Hannah Aho, Rudy Salo's mother, recently celebrated her 50th birthday and had over 100 people surprise her at a party.

Home Front work in salvage is very active in Ashby. Last month, May, a total of 6300 lbs. of paper was collected and sold to the Fitchburg Paper Company for \$59.75. This is in addition to much activity in previous months and that which is to continue each month under the sponsorship of the Parent-Teacher Association and the Ashby Military Band. Luther Hayes is chairman of the Salvage Committee for the town whose record in behalf of the war effort has been excellent.

Ashby's quota for the New War Bond Drive which started June 12 is \$22,000.00. With the town's reputation for always going over the top, little doubt is being felt of its ability of again exceeding the quota. Last February the townspeople oversubscribed its quota of \$10,000 by over \$6,000. The home folks here in Ashby are solidly behind the boys who are giving their all to make the world safe for democracy.

Your local Red Cross is still a busy organization. The surgical dressings group is located in the Historical Building which has recently been dressed up with a coat of paint, venetian blinds, and linoleum rugs. This group meets every Wednesday from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Mrs. Ernest Hopkins is in charge.

The sewing group has resumed its work and meets every Thursday from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. with Mrs. Myron Harris in charge.

Last April, the Red Cross Mobile Blood Unit came to Fitchburg for one week setting up their unit at Christ Church. For weeks in advance people were making appointments to give their blood. Mrs. Mark Thatcher, in charge of recruiting donors in Ashby, reports that she had more volunteers than could be taken care of in the time allotted to Ashby. Besides the various outlying towns being called on for donors, perhaps the biggest groups were the Fitchburg industries whose employees turned out in force.

Appropriate Memorial Day services were held in Ashby on the afternoon of May 30. The two monuments on the common and the graves in the rear of the Unitarian Church were decorated after which a procession headed by the marshall, Alfred I. Brewer, veteran of World War 1, and the Ashby Military Band, marched to the Glenwood Cemetery where graves were decorated. Included in the parade were Sons of Veterans, school children, three members of the present World War Armed Forces, Marston H. Page, EM 3/c; Warren Cutting; and Sgt. Edison Connor, and Veterans of World War 1. On returning to the town common, the band presented an interesting program, which was enjoyed by one of the largest crowds in many years.

Many of you will remember reading Dickens's Old Curiosity Shop for an English assignment. Ashby has a modern counterpart in the form of our Thrift Shop which the women of the Congregational Church formed to raise money for the maintenance of the Church. The townspeople donate articles to be sold at Mrs. Pat Caton's house on Friday afternoons from two to four-- articles ranging from buttons to pianos, and pastry to clothing. We compared the Thrift Shop to the Old Curiosity Shop because some of the girls tell us that their curiosity is not satisfied until they learn who bought the dress they saw on display. We have to look twice now at the ladies, to make sure who is in the dress today.

Ashby Grange held a neighbor's night recently with Groton, Ashburnham, and Townsend as guests. 100 persons were present at the affair.

A service flag with 21 stars hangs in the Grange Hall. The Grange has voted to buy basketballs and sponsor teams of both boys and girls this coming winter.

Ashby Farmer's Union opened their summer season with a dance at the Maja.

You may know, but it bears repeating that Rollie Simonds has been appointed Road Commissioner and the George Elliott was appointed School Janitor and also elected a member of the Board of Selectmen.

Union Memorial Sunday Services were held in the Congregational Church Sunday, May 28. Rev. Herbert M. Balcom preached the sermon and Rev. Everett S. Treworgy assisted in the service. Music was by the combined choirs. The flowers on the altar were given by the Grange in honor of all our boys and girls in the service.

Rev. Herbert Balcom, pastor of the Congregational Church since November, 1941, has resigned to accept a call to the Union Congregational Church at East Providence R.I. His resignation becomes effective June 21st.

Fireman! Now Save My Children.

At the annual Town Meeting in March, it was voted to increase the pay of firemen from five to twenty-five dollars per year.

BIRTHS

Son, Philip, to Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Balcom, - May 27, 1944.

Daughter, Janet Lee to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Clay, - May 22, 1944.

Son, James Herbert to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hargraves, - June 3, 1944.

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Daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Eino Heine (Allie Lybeck) June 6, 1944.

Rev. Balcom assisted in the program. After the service, a photographer took pictures of the class.

DEATHS

GRADUATION

Mrs. Mabel Driver, mother of Mrs. Wallace H. Walker, died April 29, 1944.

Graduation services were held May 26 at the Congregational Church. Two members of the class, John Damon and Paul Heikkila, joined the Armed Forces March first, and their diplomas were presented at the graduation to a representative of their families. The other graduates were: Joan Bailey, Rena Bennett, Renice Bennett, Jane Simonds, Bertha Johnson, Gladys Brewer, Mary Damon, and Richard Gooley. The Glee Club marched in and formed a Guard of Honor for the graduates. The program:

MARRIAGES

Manfred S. DeLibertis of Fitchburg and Bertha E. Hietala of Ashby, married in Fitchburg by Rev. Andrew Groop on May 27, 1944.

SENIOR RECEPTION

First on the Program was the Junior's Reception to the Seniors on May 24th which was carried out with the joys always so much anticipated. George Janis' orchestra poured out plenty of new and old refrains to suit the dancing of all tastes. In the Reception Line were Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Perna, Mr. and Mrs. Leidy Rackliffe, and the Seniors. The highlight of the evening was when the Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors took their position for the Grand March, headed by Edwin Lord and Laura Suokko and followed by thirty couples. A most pleasant surprise to all was that Bertha Johnson could be with them dancing for the first time since she injured her leg a year ago. The Reception was another one of those grand, good times now passed to fond memories.

Address of Welcome; Gladys Brewer
Salutatory; Bertha Johnson
" Medicine and the War "
Class History; Rena Bennett
Class Trip; Renice Bennett
Class Will; Richard Gooley
Class Prophecy; Joan Bailey
Class Gifts; Jane Simonds
Valedictory; Mary Damon
"Education and the People's Peace"

Diplomas were presented by Mr. Luther Hayes, Chairman of the School Committee.

The annual Alumni Awards for the outstanding all-around students were awarded to Bertha Johnson and John Damon by Mr. Perna. Mary Damon received the Becker College key for commercial excellence. Then the Seniors formed a reception line and greeted friends and relations.

BACCALAUREATE

SCHOOL SPORT NEWS

Baccalaureate was Sunday, May 21 at the Congregational Church. To the music of the Church organ, played by Mrs. Bessie Piper, the Seniors marched, led by their class marshal, Walfred Hill, '45. The address was delivered by Rev. Treworgy in which he impressively delivered to the Seniors the message to take their places in the world with the resolve to give all the worthwhile good they could and to hold this resolve regardless of how little they may think at times the world gives back to them.

After a lapse of several seasons, Ashby High School organized a baseball team this season with Waino I. Perna, school principal, as coach. The squad, which included over half of the boys in the high school, played a schedule of seven games. Although the team failed to win any games three were lost by one run. Games were played with Townsend H.S., Lunenburg H.S., Saxton Trade School of Locominster, and Shirley Industrial School. Promises of a strong team next sea-

LATE FLASHES

Chester Hopkins who recently returned to the West Coast after a furlough at home, has been promoted to Chief Navigator.

Sgt. Everett Troworgy has turned up at home for a few days furlough from Presque Isle, Maine.

Pvt. 1st Class Wallace Elliott has arrived safely in England.

The Alvah Stacey's were presented with a boy on June 10th.

A name for our newsletter was a stumbling block until Mrs. Waino Soini suggested "The Town Pump". We hope you like it as well as we did on first hearing it. We should like to thank Mrs. Leon Mason for the sketch of the town pump and tree. The editor's attempt to trace and duplicate the original did not do it full justice.

Our deadline for the July issue is June 24. All material should be given to Mrs. Wass on or before that date.

Don't forget, too, to give Mrs. Wilkinson any change in addresses. It is a big job to keep them all straight and she needs your continued cooperation.

The following are the editorial and contributing committees which have helped to edit our first issue;

EDITORIAL STAFF

Mr. Edwin J. Lyman, Editor
 " Luther Hayes
 " Fred Foresman
 Mrs. Bernice Wass
 " Barbara C. Lyman

CONTRIBUTING COMMITTEE

Miss Ruth Cheney, Rev. Herbert Balcom, Mrs. Caroline Wilkinson, Mrs. Martha Foster, Miss Martha Rackliffe, Rev. Everett Troworgy, Sr., Mrs. Otto Louhi, Mr. Arthur Wass, Mrs. Waino Soini, Miss Phyllis Cheney, Mrs. William Tiilikkala, Mrs. Ernestine Hugo, Mrs. Walter Woodruff, Mrs. Linnie Varney, Mrs. Edwin Lord, Miss Genora Arsonault.

son are bright as only one member, Richard Gocley, graduated this year.

The members of the team are deeply grateful to Asa Allen for providing them with full equipment this year, as otherwise it might not have been possible to play.

" ALLEN FIELD "

All lovers of sports will be thrilled to learn that our much appreciated Allen Field, where many hard-fought baseball games have been played many young men now in the Armed Forces, is bearing a good crop of barley and clover this season. As many of the boys know, the condition of the diamond has been growing bad lately and Asa Allen and the park commissioners believed that the time was ripe for something to be done about it. The infield was plowed up and turned to a victory garden. Last season this resulted in a bountiful crop of barley. After the war is won and Victory Gardens are no longer necessary, this same field will be converted into one of the finest infields in this section of the country. The sport lovers of Ashby and vicinity are patiently awaiting another championship team in Ashby and we know it won't be long.

Speaking of ball fields, Cliff Davis has recently plowed up for gardens, the old-time twilight ball field that follows along Allen Road from Jim Allen's old house to Oliver Brooks' homestead.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

John Johnson	June 10
Raymond Heywood	" 22
Everett Rackliffe	" 27
Stanley Johnson	" 28

Shirley Wass	July 3
Earl Partridge	" 3
Wallace Johnson	" 2
William Enright	" 7
Malcom Piper	" 20
Robert Goguen	" 24
Leo Honkala	" 27

